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Air Power

Quote of the Week

"Air power alone does not guarantee America's security, but I believe it best exploits the nation's greatest asset – our technical skill."

—Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg

Hornburg moves on

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – President George W. Bush has nominated to the Senate today Gen. Hal M. Hornburg, commander of Air Education and Training Command, for reappointment to the grade of general as commander of Air Combat Command, headquartered at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

The Senate must now approve the nomination.

Gen. Hornburg has commanded AETC since June 2000 and will return to ACC where he served as vice commander from January to June 2000. He will succeed Gen. John P. Jumper, who left ACC in September to become the Air Force chief of staff.

A legend speaks

Retired Brig. Gen. Robin Olds, a triple ace and aviation legend, speaks to a full house during Laughlin's first Aerospace Power Call at the Operations Training Complex Oct. 12. Brig. Gen. Olds spoke on his experiences as one of the Air Force's first jet fighter pilots, as well as memorable moments throughout his 30-year career. Future Aerospace Power Calls will bring in outside speakers with an Air Force-level perspective.



Photo by Dave Niebergall

Base recalls its role in Cuban Missile Crisis

Compiled from staff reports

Thirty-nine years ago Monday, the entire world learned about arguably the biggest threat the Western Hemisphere has ever faced: President Kennedy publicly announced the buildup of Soviet offensive missiles in Cuba – capable of reaching America and beyond – and demanded their withdrawal.

Maj. Rudolf Anderson was among the Laughlin U-2 pilots who played a critical role during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and as the sole casualty from the crisis, he will be memorialized Oct. 26 when the Operations Training Complex here is renamed Anderson Hall.

Maj. Anderson, as part of the 4080th Strategic Re-

connnaissance Wing, was one of 11 U-2 pilots who performed high-altitude reconnaissance over Cuba during the now infamous 13 days between Oct. 15-27, 1962.

Maj. Anderson and Maj. Richard S. Heyser each

photographed evidence of the missile buildup – which was happening at a pace rapid enough to result in the completion of six medium-range ballistic missile sites by early November and three intermediate-range sites by mid-December.

Based on the conclusive evidence in these photos, the military was put on full alert Oct. 19. By the time Kennedy gave his ultimatum Oct. 22, every major unit was in position and ready. But Soviet Premier Nikita Krushchev,

"We are particularly indebted to Major Anderson ... who is symbolic, I think, of the willingness of a good many Americans to take great hazards on behalf of their country."

—President John F. Kennedy on Maj. Rudolf Anderson, Laughlin U-2 pilot

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Commanders' Corner

Lt. Col. Tom Davidson
85th Flying Training Squadron commander

Diversity gives America strength

Like many of you, I spent a good deal of Sept. 11 watching television, riveted by the scenes of destruction, horrified by the senseless deaths, and angry at those who perpetrated this atrocity. After discussions with family, friends, confidants and co-workers, I came to realize that we all harbored similar feelings.

The surge of patriotism in America made me very proud, and I have never been happier with my decision to make the Air Force a career. Across our great country, people reached out to help the injured, the grieving and the workers who desperately struggled in hope of finding someone alive.

United, we can defend against all enemies, foreign and domestic, but we must guard against turning on friends and neighbors simply because they are from a country where the terrorists may reside. America is the great melting pot, and the tremendous diversity of our cultures, our backgrounds, and our ideals is what gives us the flexibility to withstand threats to democracy.

Many Americans of Middle-Eastern descent fled to this country to escape terrorism or persecution, much like the early European settlers. We cannot abandon the principles upon which this country was founded, or the terrorists will have al-

ready won the war. Those who are guilty of terrorism will be brought to justice, but guilt or innocence cannot be determined by skin color and the Air Force will not tolerate racism.

A quote from Abraham Lincoln's 1865 inaugural address says it all:

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan... to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Top Three Talk

By Master Sgt. Jimmie Davis

47th Flying Training Wing career assistance adviser



Supervision critical for new airmen

Supervision is the most difficult skill to master. Not only do you have to stay on top of your job, but now you have to train, counsel and positively guide someone else's career.

Proper counseling is paramount between the supervisor and subordinate. We supervisors must understand that many airmen have just come out of technical school and only know instructor and textbook answers. They might not know how to answer a military phone properly or where the office supplies are located.

Before starting your initial counseling session you need to build rapport. Start by reviewing your troop's report card from technical school and personal information file. Next, find a private place with a minimum number of distractions and talk. Get personal, but stay professional; give your undivided attention, and question your

troop on where he is from, about his family, personal interests, hobbies and educational level.

After starting the first counseling session on a personal note, it's time to transition to business. Start by explaining expected dress and appearance standards, what the duty schedule will be, and the layout/function of the duty section.

Next, explain what on-the-job-training records, career development courses and enlisted performance reports are, and how they will be documented. Emphasize the importance of CDCs, OJT, EPRs and how they affect one's career.

An important thing to remember is that all subordinates absorb information at different levels. You, as the supervisor, decide what your subordinate's learning curve is and how much information to give at one

time. If there is too much information, separate it into different counseling blocks. Remember to document your discussions on a memo for record and have your subordinate sign it.

The Performance Feedback Worksheet is another helpful portion of counseling. It is critical to increasing a subordinate's performance and ensuring compliance with standards. It must be conducted within 60 days of the initial supervision date.

I developed a PFW template I use for new airmen on the first performance feedback. This saves me time, effort and provides continuity when briefing all newly assigned airmen.

I considered the following when I developed this template: what I

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— 47th FTW motto

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Character makes us who we are today

By Chaplain (Col.) John Blair

Air Education and Training Command chaplain

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – As I reflect upon the Sept. 11 attacks on our great country, I have to ask: What intangibles do we possess to carry us through this terrible crisis?

What provides us with our courage, strength, faith and resolve? What makes us who we are?

The answer is our character.

Character can be described in many different ways, but there is one person who brings it into focus for me: Rocky Blier.

Rocky was a halfback for the Pittsburgh Steelers professional football team and is a living legend. Each time he ran, a miracle unfolded before your eyes. Rocky was a monument to courage and character.

Professional football scouts tagged him as follows: "Can't win in the NFL with this kid," "Is not capable of playing professional football" and "I don't think this man can make a pro club."

However, Rocky was selected 417 out of 441 football players drafted in the NFL in 1968. The Steelers picked 18 players, and Rocky was the 18th. He was the only one of the 18 who made it

in pro football.

Rocky was drafted into the Army that same year and later had a foot, leg and thigh severely injured during combat in the Vietnam War. He was separated from the Army with 40 percent disability.

After returning from Vietnam, Rocky attended the Steelers' training camp. Despite the odds of his injured leg and time away from the game being stacked against him, Rocky had nonphysical skills working in his favor. One coach called it heart, another courage, and a third suggested character.

Character is that intangible force that retrieves shattered dreams and deflated hopes.

Rocky's fortitude to persevere embodies the words of Joshua 1:9: "Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Pick the biography of any man or woman who has made a lasting contribution to humanity. Some were extremely brilliant while others were courageous. But one characteristic will be present in every case: character. Every person who achieves greatness possesses it.

Character is what Dr. George Sheehan, in his

book "Running and Being," refers to when he writes, "I have character which is simply the decision to stand pain."

He further states, "Some think of character as sprinting at the end of a race. But character is what gets you there to begin with. Character starts back in the hills with six miles still to go and you are thinking of how you can get out of it without anyone noticing. Character begins when you have 40 minutes of torture left and you're already hurting more than you ever remember."

Character is also what Dr. Sheehan calls the "wall" – the psychological breaking point that comes at the 20-mile mark of a 26-mile marathon. The wall is where the runner begins to fall apart. From the wall, the runner goes it all alone.

We have all been witnesses to many courageous acts during the past few weeks by people we can only classify as true heroes. So many displayed character and gave their lives in order to save others.

I challenge you to reflect on the true greatness of our Air Force. Remember: America cannot be measured by its productivity or national resources, but only by its character.

May God bless you.

'Counsel,' from page 2

wished my supervisor would have told me but didn't, such as the importance of EPRs; what it takes to make senior airman below the zone; impact of the weight management program and educational opportunities; how most airmen get in trouble; financial management, alcohol abuse, dorm room inspections, proper uses of a government travel card and making appointments; next, I move on to what it takes to be a military citizen

and be involved with base functions. When creating your template, keep a pad of paper handy and when an item pops into your head, write it down. I placed all this information on the back page of the PFW.

When establishing the front, it is important to remember that all airmen have different strengths and weaknesses. When setting standards we must ensure they are fair and reasonable.

I like to use what I call the "X" and "O" standard on the grading

lines. I put an "O" where I think my subordinate is now and place an "X" where I would like him to be by the next PFW session.

If the "X" and the "O" match up on top of each other, great, but discuss the matter if there needs to be improvement. Don't just tell your subordinate where he should be in development, tell him how to get there and explain why you think there needs to be improvement in that area.

Make copies of the actual Per-

formance Feedback Worksheet. Give the subordinate the original, and keep a copy for yourself.

Remember: Your commander or anyone in the direct rating chain can request to see the performance feedback, and the copy provides you with a memory jogger for the next feedback session to judge how well your subordinate is complying with set goals and standards.

With a little preparation, supervising doesn't have to be as hard as it sounds.

Actionline

298-5351

personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal



Rick Rosborg
Col. Rick Rosborg
47 FTW commander

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Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Where there's smoke...

Second Lieutenant Bill Dunn, Laughlin student pilot, attempts to start a friction fire during a Joint Aerospace Physiology Instruction Course class at the Gould Gulch training area on base Tuesday. All student pilots go through the JAPIC during their first phase of training. Learned skills include survival techniques, flight physiology, egress, parachuting, atmospheric hazards and signal and recovery skills.

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who adamantly denied the buildup, didn't blink, and the world held its breath to see what would happen next.

Then, on Oct. 27, Maj. Anderson was killed while flying a reconnaissance mission over Cuba: A Russian surface-to-air missile exploded near his air-

craft, penetrating his pressure suit with shrapnel, and he crashed into the island.

Afraid of retaliation and realizing America's nuclear arsenal was on full alert, the Soviets announced the next day they would dismantle the sites and withdraw the missiles.

In the days that followed the Cuban Missile Crisis, President Kennedy told the world

that Laughlin's 4080th Strategic Wing contributed as much to the security of the United States as any other unit in history.

"We are particularly indebted to Major Anderson," he said, "... who is symbolic, I think, of the willingness of a good many Americans to take great hazards on behalf of their country."

Interested in the Air Force?
*Call Del Rio's Air Force
recruiter at 774-0911.*

Newsline

Trick or Treat restricted

Due to Laughlin's upgraded security posture, Halloween trick-or-treating is restricted to children of military and Defense Department identification cardholders.

Sponsoring nongovernment ID cardholders on base is not authorized. Trick-or-treat hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call Public Affairs at 298-5988.

Legion meeting set

The Del Rio/Laughlin American Legion Post #298 will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at "The Barn," across the highway from Laughlin's main gate. The new 2002 membership cards are in, and members are urged to bring their dues. All active-duty military are eligible to join.

For more information call 298-2097.

Bazaar registration held

The Officers Spouses Club is now accepting registration forms from vendors and crafters for the Arts and Crafts Bazaar set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Fiesta Center.

For more information on the bazaar or for registration forms, call Karen Hunerwadel at 298-7832.

Family dining-out set

A family dining out is scheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 3 at Club XL. The event is open to Laughlin enlisted, officer, civilian and contractor employees and their families.

Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available at the youth center, 298-5543, until Oct. 26.

The child development center will offer the "Give Parents A Break" program for those families that qualify. Regular hourly child care for ages 6 weeks to 10 years will be by reservation only. The last day for childcare reservations is Oct. 31. Space is limited, so reserve early.

For more information on the "Give Parents A Break" program or to schedule reservations, call 298-5149.

Boat ramp re-opens

The boat ramp at the Southwinds Marina has re-opened.

For more information, call 775-7491, or visit the park's Web site at www.nps.gov/amis.



Photo by Jim Garamone

Soldiers from A Company, 3rd Infantry, "The Old Guard," present Maj. Gen. Jim Jackson, Military District of Washington commander, with the American flag that draped the side of the Pentagon beside the impact site where terrorists crashed a hijacked airliner Sept. 11. The soldiers lowered and folded the flag Oct. 11.

Pentagon flag lowered

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

The huge American flag that hung to the right of the damaged area of the Pentagon was lowered Oct. 11 and folded with full military honors.

Soldiers of A Company, 3rd Infantry, "The Old Guard," lowered the flag and folded it on the helipad just in front of where a hijacked airliner hit the Pentagon Sept. 11.

Before Sept. 11, the flag belonged to the U.S. Army Band at nearby Fort Myer, Va. It is a garrison flag, the largest authorized for the military.

After the terrorist attack on the Pentagon,

bandsmen sent the flag to the Pentagon. During President Bush's visit to the impact site, 3rd Infantry soldiers and firefighters unveiled the flag and draped it over the side of the building.

The flag had hung in place ever since. Each night, workers illuminated it with flood lights. Today, the flag is soot-stained and ripped at one spot where it rubbed up against the building.

"This flag will never be flown again," said Maj. Gen. Jim Jackson, commander of the Army Military District of Washington, following the ceremony. Jackson will present the flag to the Army leaders later. They will decide its ultimate destination.

Article 15 actions released

Compiled from staff reports

Laughlin's legal office released the Article 15 actions from January through September.

Punishment for similar offenses may vary depending on the nature of the offense and record of the service member. The actions are:

- A senior airman received a reduction to the grade of airman first class, forfeiture of \$692 pay for two months, a reprimand, and 25 days extra duty for drinking and driving.
- An airman first class received a reduction to the grade of airman, a reprimand and 20 days extra duty for dereliction of duty.
- A staff sergeant received a forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for two months and 30 days extra duty for an immigration violation under U.S. Code 134.
- An airman first class received a reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months and was restricted to base for 60 days for dereliction of duty and failure to go.
- An airman first class received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman and 30 days extra duty for dereliction of duty.
- A lieutenant colonel received a forfeiture of \$2,818 pay per month for two months and a reprimand for an unprofessional relationship and conduct unbecoming an officer.
- An airman received a reprimand and was restricted to base for 60 days for disorderly conduct.
- An airman first class received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, was restricted to base for 30 days and given 15 days extra duty for writing bad checks.
- An airman first class received a reduction to airman and was restricted to base for 60 days for writing bad checks.
- An airman received a reduction to the grade of airman basic and was restricted to base for 60 days for dereliction of duty.
- An airman was given a reprimand and restricted to base for 30 days for dereliction of duty.

For enlisted members, possible Article 15 punishments include correctional custody, reduction in grade, forfeiture of pay, reprimand, restriction and extra duties. The severity of the punishment varies depending on the rank of the offender, rank of the person imposing the punishment, and individual circumstances regarding each case.

For officers, possible Article 15 punishments include forfeiture of pay, reprimand, arrest in quarters and restriction. To see a breakout of maximum punishments for enlisted and officers, see AFI 51-202, Nonjudicial Punishment, tables 1 and 2.

Under AETC policy, all Article 15 punishments for officers are imposed by the first general officer in the offender's chain of command. For Laughlin, that is the 19th Air Force commander.

Enlisted people needed to fill aviator positions

By Master Sgt. William Griesemer

Randolph Air Force Base

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – Enlisted people interested in aviation opportunities in the Air Force may find what they're looking for among the nine career enlisted aviator specialties.

With about half of the specialties on the chronic critical skills shortage list, people can visit their local military personnel flights to determine their eligibility to cross-train and requirements they must meet to qualify for these positions.

Career enlisted aviator positions include the following specialties:

- 1A0X1, in-flight refueling specialist: flight crewmember on KC-135 and KC-10 aircraft responsible for in-flight aerial refueling of fighter, bomber and cargo aircraft
- 1A1X1B, rotary wing flight engineer: flight crewmember on various model special operations and rescue helicopters responsible for aircraft performance, navigation, hoist operations and aerial gunnery operations
- 1A1X1C, fixed wing flight engineer performance qualified: flight crewmember on various fixed wing aircraft responsible for aircraft performance, systems operation, and malfunction detection and analysis
- 1A2X1, loadmaster: flight crewmember on cargo aircraft responsible for supervising cargo loading and tie-down, weight and balance calculations, and passenger handling
- 1A3X1, airborne communications specialist: flight crewmember responsible for operation and troubleshooting of all radio communication equipment
- 1A4X1, airborne battle management systems specialist: flight crewmember responsible for operation of airborne radar and electronic countermeasures equipment
- 1A5X1, airborne mission systems specialist: flight crewmember responsible for operation of airborne radar, "identification friend or foe" equipment, computer display and ancillary equipment
- 1A6X1, flight attendant: flight crewmember on various VIP aircraft responsible for passenger handling and service
- 1A7X1, aerial gunner: flight crewmember on various model special operations and rescue aircraft responsible for operation of numerous offensive and defensive weapon systems
- 1A8X1, airborne cryptologic linguist: flight crewmember on various aircraft responsible for foreign language translation

Benefits include career enlisted flight incentive pay starting at \$150 per month and increasing over time to \$400 per month, selective reenlistment bonuses and increased promotion rates for specialties on the chronic critical skills shortage list.

For more information, call the MPF at 298-5276, or visit the Air Staff career enlisted aviator Web page at www.xo.hq.af.mil/xoo/xoot/xoot/cea/cea.shtml.

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Oct. 15 edition of Air Force TV News showing

The Oct. 15 edition of Air Force Television News is currently being aired on the commander's access channel, local cable channel 34. Spotlighted issues are:

- The Air Force's contribution to the war on terrorism, both at home and overseas.
- Overseas, Tech. Sgt. Matt Lomba reports on the Air Force's initiation of humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan, using C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft based at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
- Senior Airman Kevin Dennison details how the North American Aerospace Defense Command set its defense of North America into motion just moments after the terrorist attacks.
- Tech. Sgt. Paul Firman visits Dover Air Force Base, Del., to report on port mortuary people preparing victims from the Pentagon attack for return to their loved ones.
- Staff Sgt. Eric Kerr produces a special segment called, "In Their Own Words," featuring an Air Force reservist who describes the commitment Guard and Reserve people have to their country.

Air Force Television News is a biweekly production of Air Force News Service. It is distributed on videotape to more than 3,000 military and civilian outlets worldwide and is seen on more than 700 cable television outlets nationwide. It is also available on the Internet at www.af.mil and is one of the featured productions on The Pentagon Channel. The program is the only military production offered with closed captioning.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Army, Air Force combine forces in Kosovo airdrop

By Army Master Sgt. Sue Harper

Ramstein Air Base, Germany

The day after delivering about 35,000 humanitarian daily rations to Afghan refugees, Kaiserslautern Military Community soldiers and airmen delivered supplies to servicemen continuing another important mission.

Soldiers from the 5th Quartermaster Company and airmen from the 37th Airlift Squadron airdropped 32 bundles of supplies from three C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft into Kosovo.

The airdrop was the third in a series of exercises called Rapid Guardian. Rapid Guardian I and II dropped people. Rapid Guardian III was the first drop of supplies, said Master Sgt. Samer Alkhoury, 37th AS aerial delivery flight superintendent.

Even though the drop was part of an exercise, it was treated like an operation.

"This is not dropping water barrels onto Sicily (a drop zone at Fort Bragg, N.C.)," said Maj. Eric Mayheu, the mission commander. "This is real-world stuff with real-world

challenges."

The 32 bundles the pilots carried in their C-130s were not holding water. The one-ton bundles were loaded with food, tents and other necessities for Kosovo peacekeeping forces, Kennedy said.

The bundles were palletized and rigged by the 5th QM, the same unit that rigged supplies for Operation Provide Promise in Bosnia, which is known as the largest humanitarian mission ever, said Chief Warrant Officer Gene A. Moore, 5th QM Co. airdrop system technician.

"This is a first of its kind for the Balkan theater of operations using this type of container-delivery system," said Maj. Doug Kennedy, 37th AS assistant director of operations.

The equipment landed onto a drop zone secured by 300 British, Finnish and U.S. forces. The U.S. soldiers who secured the drop zone and recovered the chutes and supplies were from the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., and the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Bush promises 'every resource' for combat

President Bush said Tuesday that service members will have every resource they need to defeat global terrorism.

"I've made a commitment to every service man and woman," Bush said during a Full Honors Welcome Ceremony for Air Force Gen. Richard Myers and Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace. "For the mission that lies ahead, you will have everything you need. Every resource, every weapon, every means to assure full victory for the United States, our allies, our friends and the cause of freedom."

Myers is the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Pace is the new vice chairman. Bush said that when he introduced Myers and Pace in August as his nominees for the chairmanship and vice chairmanship, he spoke of the duty to protect America's values and interests in the world.

"Since that time, those values and interests have come under direct attack," he said. "We have entered a different kind of war, and the enemy is finding out that we are ready."

Bush said the terrorists have a "special contempt" for the U.S. military.

"In the values and traditions of our military, you represent everything they hate," he said. "You defend human freedom, you value life. Here and around the world, you keep the peace that they seek to destroy. You live by a code of honor and a tradition of loyalty and decency."

Bush said the new chairman and vice chairman epitomize this code.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the two men are poised to transform the American military to deal with the threats of the new century.

"As vice chairman, Dick Myers has helped us think through how we transform our Cold War forces to meet the challenges that were brought home so vividly on Sept. 11," Rumsfeld said.

Rumsfeld said Pace brings fresh insight into counterterrorism that he gained as commander of U.S. Southern Command. Both men, he said, bring a wealth of experience in the Pacific region – an area of increasing importance to the United States.

Pace, the first Marine general to serve as vice chairman, made a promise to all service members.

"About 34 years ago in the jungles of Vietnam, I learned from lance corporals, corporals and sergeants what sacrifice was all about," he said. "It was their blood that gave me a debt that I can never fully repay."

"But I promise to each of you today that as long as I have the privilege of being the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, my efforts will be that you continue to receive the support that you so richly deserve."

Myers turned the welcome ceremony around and explained what he welcomes as the new chairman.

"I welcome the opportunity of leading America's Joint Warfighting Team and winning the global war on terrorism," he said. "I welcome the opportunity to secure our nation and ensure the freedom so imbued in the spirit of the American people."

(Courtesy of Defense Link)

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Bulletin board tells who they were, what they did

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – “Oh, my God, I didn’t know that Kevin got killed!” Karen Saunders exclaimed.

Standing in a group of women looking at the large bulletin board full of pictures of people who died in the Pentagon terrorist attack Sept. 11, Saunders had come across the tribute to Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Wayne Yokum, a naval information systems technician.

Defense Department officials erected the three large bulletin boards around the Pentagon’s River Parade Field, site of an Oct. 11 “United in Memory” ceremony. Photographs and biographical sketches of those killed graced the exhibit.

“It just shocked me to see Kevin’s picture on the board,” Saunders said. “He worked on the fourth floor between Corridors 4 and 5 in the A Ring. He worked one floor under me, almost in the same position. I’ve been trying to figure out why, if he was in his office, he didn’t make it out like we did. He must have been walking around on that side of the building. I can’t think of any other way he would have gotten killed.”

Saunders said she knew several other people who were killed because she works in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army’s Equal Employment Opportunity Office “where the biggest hit was taken.”

“I went to high school with Lisa Young,” she said. “She graduated in 1982 and I came out in 1980. But I was closer to Kevin than anyone else on this board. I said to myself, ‘Isn’t that interesting; the one that I was closest to I would find out about like this?’

“He was a young man,” Saunders said. “But I know he has gone to a better place.”

“I saw a lot of family members stopping by to look at the boards,” said Bob Leach of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. “The only person I knew personally was Bryan C. Jack, whom I knew for about 17 years. He was an excellent economist, kind, generous, intelligent, a true scholar, excellent teacher. ... I really miss him. He’s a true loss.”

Jack had been a passenger on American Airlines Flight 77, which terrorists hijacked and crashed into the Pentagon. The director of the programming and fiscal economics division in the DOD Comptroller’s shop, he’d been on his way to give a speech in Monterey, Calif. Among other responsibilities, crunching America’s defense budget also belonged to Jack.

Army Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Morales walked from panel to panel looking at the pictures and reading the biographical sketches of several people.

“I knew about a dozen or so of the people on the board,” Morales said. “I was scheduled to replace one of them – Sgt. Maj. Larry Strickland. It hurts me to see any of them up there, but the people you know, whether it be Sgt. Maj. Strickland or Sgt. Maj. Ivory Lacey, [both of] whom I’ve known for 12 years.”

The *XLer*



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Airman 1st Class William Burch
47th Operations Support Squadron

Hometown: St. Augustine, Fla.

Family: Wife, Heather; son, Liam; unborn daughter, Jasmine; dog, Nala; cat, PJ

Time at Laughlin: 13 months

Time in service: 19 months

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: More

events to bring the Laughlin community together for great food and fun

Greatest accomplishment: Accepting God as my lord and savior

Hobbies: Making my wife happy, golf and cooking

Bad habit: Being too nice

Favorite film or book: "The Best Man"

Favorite band or musician: Jill Scott

If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why?

Emeril (Food Network).

One day I hope to create a dish that will have the taste of heaven.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday

- Mass, 9:30 a.m.

- Confession by appointment

- Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.

- Little Rock Scripture Study, 11 a.m. in Chapel Fellowship Hall

Thursday

- Choir, 6 p.m.

Jewish

Max Stool, call 775-4519

Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200

Protestant

Sunday

- Adult Sunday school, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

- General worship, 11 a.m.

Wednesday

- Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m.

at chapel

- Choir, 7 p.m. at chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.

Anti-terrorism: What can you do?

The best measure against anti-terrorism is preparation. For more information, log on to www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/unexpected.html.

Poor
health, lost
income,
jail,
discharge...
Ecstasy?
Maybe they
should
change the
name.



What future role do you hope to play in the war on terrorism?



2nd Lt. Christopher Lake
Student pilot

"Hopefully it will be over soon, but if not, I will be an active participant in global security."



2nd Lt. Ryan Rensberger
Student pilot

"The winner."



2nd Lt. Javin Peterson
Student pilot

"Whatever the Air Force needs me to do."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Patriotic pride

During a Pentagon memorial ceremony Oct. 11, thousands of people wave American flags as they sing "Battle Hymn of the Republic." More than 20,000 people attended the ceremony at the Pentagon Parade Ground to remember those killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack at the Pentagon.

Morale, camaraderie high among deployed troops

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

Air Force Print News

Despite a lot of hard work, living in tents and eating cafeteria food, support people deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom agreed during an Oct. 11 phone interview that morale is really high.

They even went so far as to say that the food is "pretty good" and that people can even catch a few football games broadcast on the American Forces Network.

"I've been in 18 years, and [the camaraderie and morale here are] the highest I've ever seen," said Master Sgt. Brad, a B-1B Lancer munitions superintendent.

But Brad also said the troops most appreciate "all the support we're getting from back home."

Another factor they all attribute for the high morale is the teamwork among everyone deployed at their location.

The usual good-natured peacetime rivalry between units and weapons systems operators is nonexistent during real-world operations, said Staff Sgt. Ryan, a B-52 Stratofortress munitions specialist.

"People have really come together," said Tech. Sgt. Guy, a fuels specialist. "A lot of us have been on deployments or exercises before, so we are used to working together as a team."

Preparing aircraft for actual combat operations is not much different from any other deployment or exercise, Brad said.

"We've been trained to do this time and time again," he said.

Many have even supported previous combat operations such as Operation Allied Force in Kosovo.

This training and experience help the deployed men and women accomplish the mission as well as cope with family separations.

"I've been on many deployments before, and when I departed for this mission, it was business as usual," Ryan said. "My family's handling it well."

"I love my family and miss them," said Staff Sgt. Michael, a munitions systems technician, expressing the sentiments of the other deployed troops.

Michael said the separation was made easier knowing that "we're here to protect (them) from (terrorist attacks) ever happening again back home."

(Editor's note: Only rank and first names are being used for operational security reasons.)

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Up-to-date documents key to readiness

By Rhonda Siciliano
Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

For active-duty military people, readiness brings to mind many different things: having the proper gear and training to perform a mission and being physically fit to carry out assigned tasks.

But just as important, and often overlooked, is making sure three critical documents are kept up to date: the Department of Defense Form 93, a will, and Servicemen's Group Life Insurance forms.

The DD Form 93 is the emergency data card for all military members.

"In the event a person becomes deceased, this form provides the casualty affairs office with next-of-kin information so notifications can be made,"

said Senior Master Sgt. Stephan C. Tupeck, 66th Mission Support Squadron customer support chief and assistant military personnel flight superintendent at Hanscom Air Force Base.

The second most important document for military people to keep up to date is a will, military personnel experts said.

"We find too often that 25 to 30 year olds think they don't need a will," Tupeck said. "It's an important part of military readiness to have a will on file before being deployed. If an active-duty member needs to have a will done, they can go to the legal office where one will be completed for them."

The third document personnel experts said is critical to military readiness is the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance forms.

"It's important to know who military mem-

bers want their life insurance benefits to go to," Tupeck said.

Military people are reminded to provide family members or their designated executor with copies of these forms. Military people can go to their military personnel flight customer service section to review their forms and update information.

"People think they don't need to worry about keeping these things accurate but you never know, as the events of the past month have taught us," Tupeck said.

Personnel officials encourage military people to stop by their military personnel flight to review their records.

"These three documents are critical to deployment readiness for military members," he said. "It's vital that they are kept up to date."

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Air Force receives own national historic landmark

By Master Sgt.
Michael Briggs

*Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs*

Inside its gates, a young Army Air Corps helped forge the future of military aviation. Its design is unique, and its architecture and landscaping have remained relatively unchanged for more than 70 years.

Based on those factors, Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton recently bestowed the highest national honor on Randolph Air Force Base by designating it a national historic landmark.

Called Randolph Field Historic District in the National Register, the base, situated in the northeast outskirts of San Antonio, joins less than 2,500 other sites, such as the White House, Empire State Building and Bunker Hill Monument, that have been named national landmarks.

"Only about 3 percent of the 70,000 cultural resources and historic properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places attain landmark status," said Bruce Ashcroft, Air Education and Training Command staff historian. "The designation cited the base's exceptional role in the development of the air arm of the United States Army, it's School

of Aviation Medicine and the headquarter components that have called Randolph home."

National historic landmarks are nationally significant buildings, structures, sites, districts and objects, according to information provided by the National Park Service, the federal agency that runs the program.

"National historic landmarks make tangible the American experience," states the information posted on the park service Web site.

Home to Air Education and Training Command headquarters, 19th Air Force headquarters, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service, Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency and the host 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph has led a colorful 70-year existence.

The legendary tale that a motor pool officer drew the original design on scraps of paper is fascinating, but, like most legends, only partially true.

"The story of the design usually goes like this," according to Ashcroft. "Lieutenant Harold Clark, assigned to the motor pool at Kelly Field in San Antonio, heard the Air Corps was going to build a flying training field near San Antonio. Using any available scrap of paper on

which to scribble his ideas, Lieutenant Clark came up with a design that was so innovative and fresh that the Air Corps Training Center commander, Brig. Gen. Frederick Lahm, plucked Lieutenant Clark from obscurity and placed this unknown architect on his staff."

Clark's first drawing of Randolph is dated Nov. 1, 1927. He joined General Lahm's staff in December that year.

One part of the story that usually doesn't get mentioned is that General Lahm appointed a board of officers in April 1927 to begin planning the design of what would become Randolph Field, Ashcroft explained.

"This board recommended 'a plan which in general would assume a circular shape,'" he said. "The five-man team placed the buildings of the base in the center with hangars outlining the field and landing strips on the far exterior."

In 1995, a study conducted by R. Christopher Godwin and Associates for the Army Corps of Engineers revealed the Army had hired an impressive group of civilian and military architects in the mid-1920s to manage base design and construction. Included in that group was George B. Ford, one of the pre-eminent urban planners of the day.

In addition to George Ford, there is another, little recognized hero in the design of Randolph Field: Lt. Norfleet Bone, the base's landscape architect.

Bone, a Texas A&M graduate, was responsible for planning the location of the pools, parks and recreation areas, as well as deciding which plants, shrubs and trees would go where, said Ashcroft.

"The natural beauty of the base is Lt. Bone's continuing legacy to the men and women of Randolph," the historian said.

The care given to the landscaping, with "its blue pools, parks, amphitheaters, palm esplanades and boulevards lined with stately oaks ... will make it the show place of the country," Bone said.

Over the course of time, the "Showplace of the Air Force" has more than lived up to its name.

The base provided the backdrop to two early aviation movies, "I Wanted Wings" and "West Point of the Air." It was also selected as a test site when the Army Air Corps wanted to adopt a theme song. In the base theater that remains relatively unchanged to this day, a young Robert Crawford took the stage in the late '30s and sang "Off we go into the wild blue yonder ..."

Halloween candy, treats not very good for teeth

By Dr. (Capt.) Steven E. Ledwig

47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
preventive dentistry dentist

Halloween is just around the corner, and soon kids and adults will be running around the neighborhoods ringing doorbells and asking for candy – candy that may stick to their teeth for a prolonged period of time.

Exposing teeth to sugar for long periods of time will increase chances of tooth decay. Sugar is the main carbohydrate digested by mouth bacteria. These bacteria digesting the sugar produce acidic plaque. It is this acidic plaque that can and will cause damage to teeth.

One of the best ways to enjoy Halloween treats and help protect teeth is to limit the amount of candy eaten, as well as the length of candy exposure on the teeth. Parents should make sure they and their children rinse their mouths, or preferably brush after eating sugary sweets. This will decrease the exposure to acidic plaque and result in healthier teeth, a bigger smile and hopefully no cavities.

A substitute that one may want to consider this Halloween is xylitol gum or mints. Xylitol is a non-fermentable sugar alcohol that promotes salivation and increases pH in the mouth, resulting in a more ideal oral environment while promoting remineralization of teeth. Xylitol also disrupts the normal bacterial cell metabolism, thus decreasing plaque accumulation and tooth decay, and possibly reversing the start of minimal lesions.

Studies have shown that xylitol gum can suppress bacteria activity that causes cavities in conjunction with other strategies to control and reduce tooth decay.

This product's safety and efficacy was demonstrated in many studies supported by the World Health Organization, Food & Drug Administration and United Nations. It is highly recommended for patients with high cavities.

If you decide to try this product, it's recommended that you chew one to two pieces of xylitol three to five times per day. It is found at most grocery stores, as well as on the Internet under Xylitol gum. The base exchange also stocks several different brands of xylitol gum.

Have a very happy and safe Halloween, and remember it is possible to have your treats and eat them, too.

If you have any other questions or concerns contact your dentist. Active-duty people can contact the Laughlin Dental Clinic at 298-6331.

Sports and Health briefs

Aerobics set for October

The XL Fitness Center is offering aerobics throughout October. Classes are held Monday at 5 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday at 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., and Friday at 5 p.m.

For details, call Tech. Sgt. Rick Horn at 298-4340.

Speed competition scheduled

The XL Fitness Center is hosting the Laughlin Air Force Base Fastest Man/Woman competition Saturday at noon. The event will consist of 50-, 100-, 200-, and 400- meter races.

For more information, call the XL Fitness Center at 298-5251.

XL Fitness Center

Monday – Thursday:

5 a.m. to midnight

Friday:

5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday,

Holidays and

Goal Days:

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Football Standings

(As of Thursday)

AFC			NFC		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Misfits	5	1	LSI Enforcers	9	0
47 CES	4	4	47 OSS	6	2
LCSAM	3	4	87 Talons	5	3
CS/CONS/SVS	1	7	86 Rios Lobos	3	4
E. Panthers	0	9	84/85 Tweets	3	5

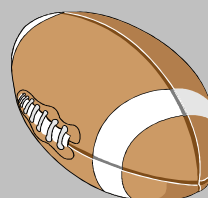
Scores

Tuesday

Rio Lobos, 20 – CCS, 0
Talons, 14 – CES, 14
Enforcers, 20 – Misfits, 14

Wednesday

OSS, 27 – 47 CES, 14
Talons, 12 – Tweets, 7



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